

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9. These sheets replace the original sheets for these figures. Shading was added as required by the Examiner, the reference numeral 10 was added to Figs. 8 and 9, and the reference R was added to Fig. 1.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets
 Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 12 – 23 are pending in the application.

In order to address the objections to the drawings, replacement drawings are submitted herewith to provide proper shading for the lining 2. The apertures 5 are also shown being filled by the material of the lining.

Furthermore, the rotor recited in claim 12, and discussed, for example, on page 6 of the specification, has now been indicated by the letter R in Fig. 1. In addition, the further apertures 10 in the outer tube 1 (of claim 21) have been illustrated in Figs. 8 and 9.

With regard to the double patenting rejection, a terminal disclaimer is enclosed.

Claim 1 of the instant application has been amended to more clearly define the purpose of the apertures 5 of the inner tube 4, namely “for receiving portions of said lining” (see, for example, Fig. 1 and the specification, page 7, lines 8 – 11).

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 12 and 21 as being anticipated by either Agarkov or Bostel.

In contrast to claim 12 as amended of the present application, which relates to a stator for an eccentric screw pump or an eccentric worm motor having a stator, Agarkov quite clearly relates to a power cable. In addition, again in contrast to Applicant's amended claim 12, no rotor is provided within a lining of an outer tube. Rather, with Agarkov the two tubes serve for receiving the actual current conductor 1, which obviously does not rotate or otherwise move as does Applicant's rotor. A further distinction to Applicant's amended claim 12 is that the holes in the inner tube

of Agarkov are provided only for coolant flow, and not for receiving portions of a lining, as required by Applicants' claim 12.

With regard to Bostel, Applicant respectfully submits that this reference neither teaches nor suggests an inner tube, and certainly not an inner tube that is provided with apertures for receiving portions of a lining. If the Examiner is referring to the dashed-line representation in the drawings of Bostel, it is respectfully submitted that this in no way represents an inner tube, but rather is an indication of the outer, radial expansion of the hollow chamber 1 over the entire length of the stator. This is reinforced by the cross-sectional view of Fig. 2, where it can clearly be seen that no inner tube is present.

In view of the foregoing discussion, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the allowability of the claims pending in the present application. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to be able to discuss any outstanding issues and to expedite placement of the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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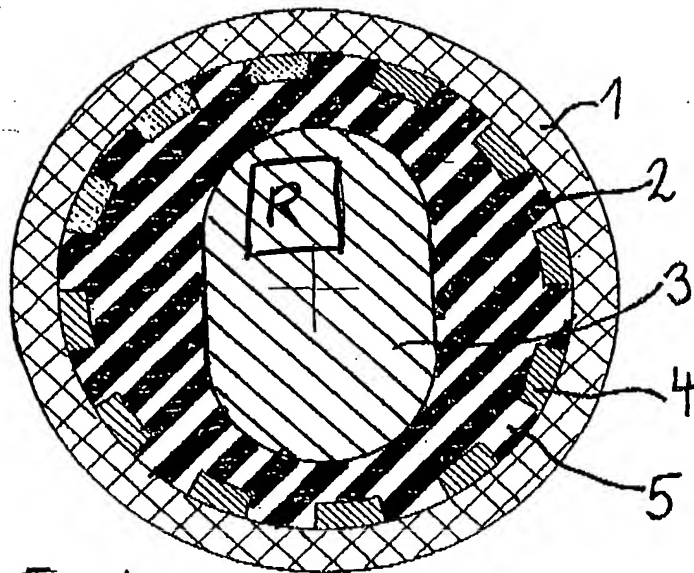
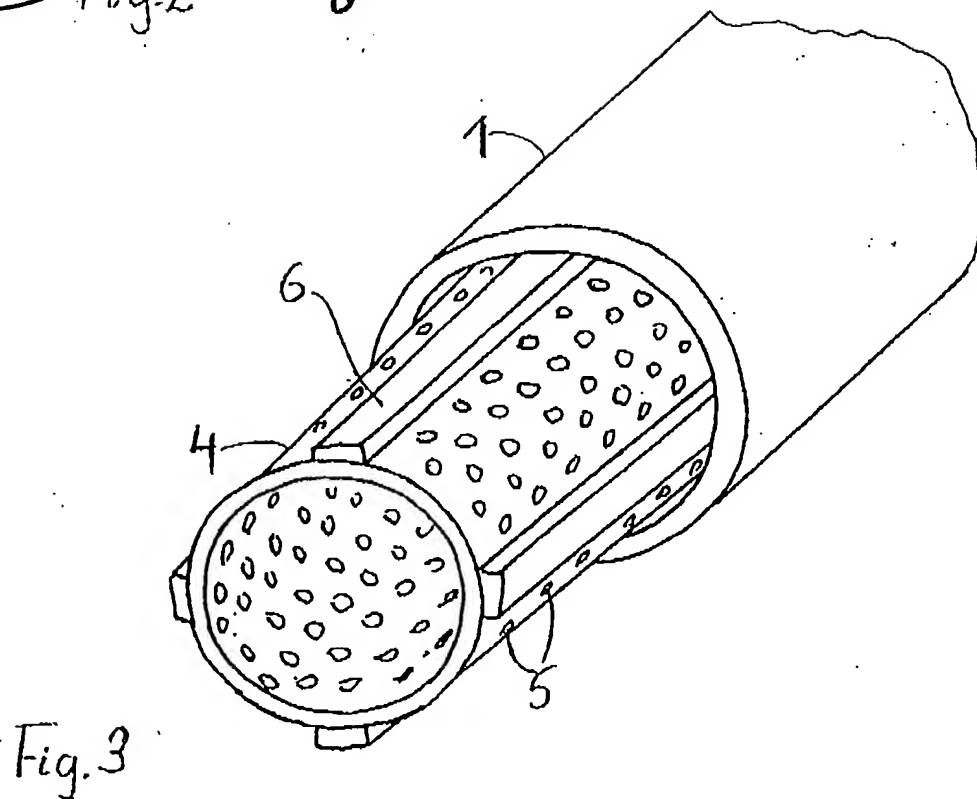
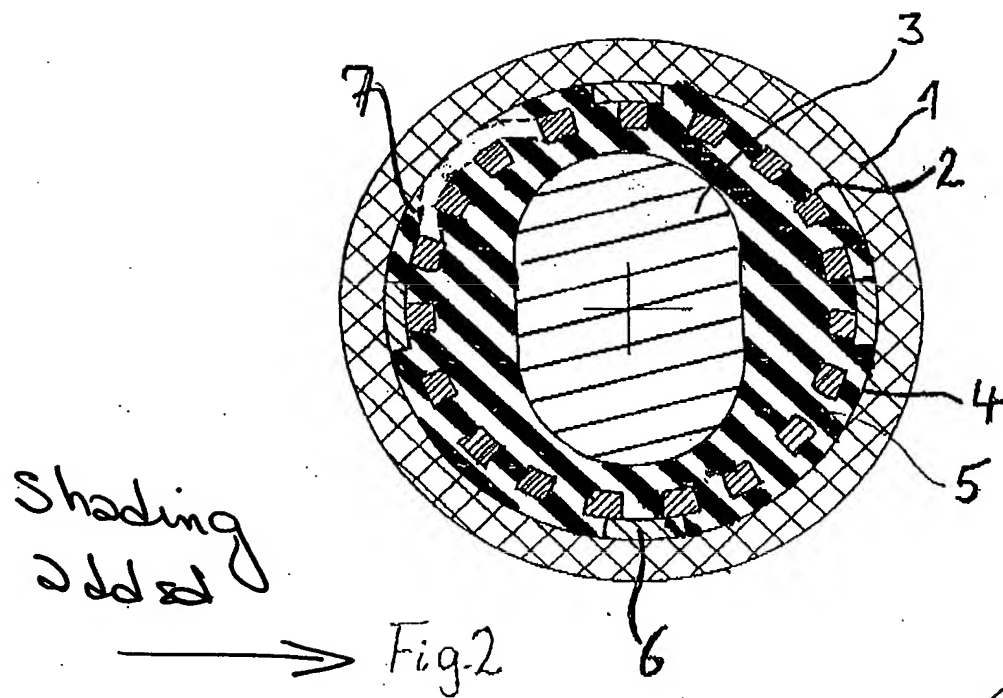


Fig 1

R added
shading added



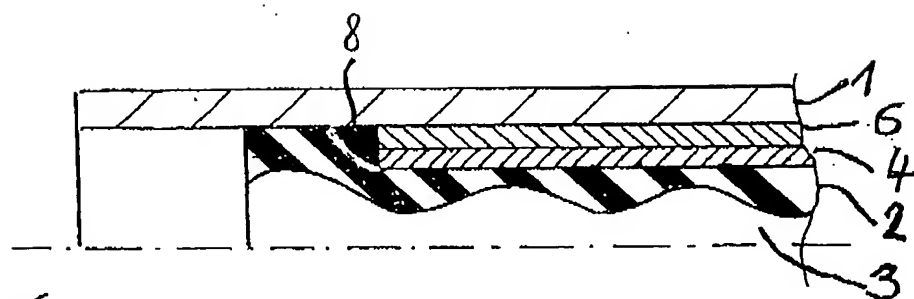


Fig. 6

Shading
added

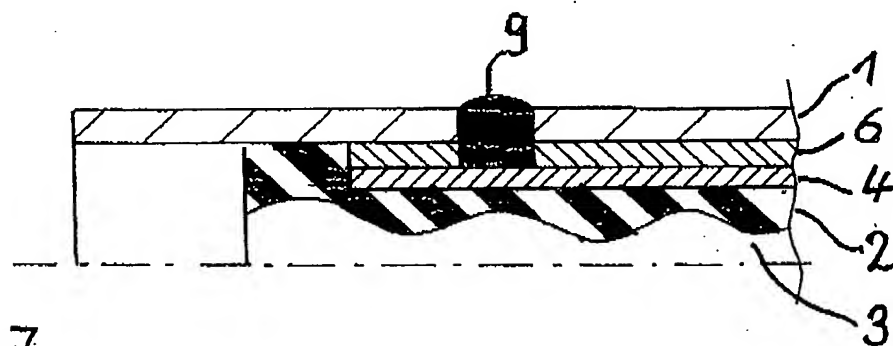


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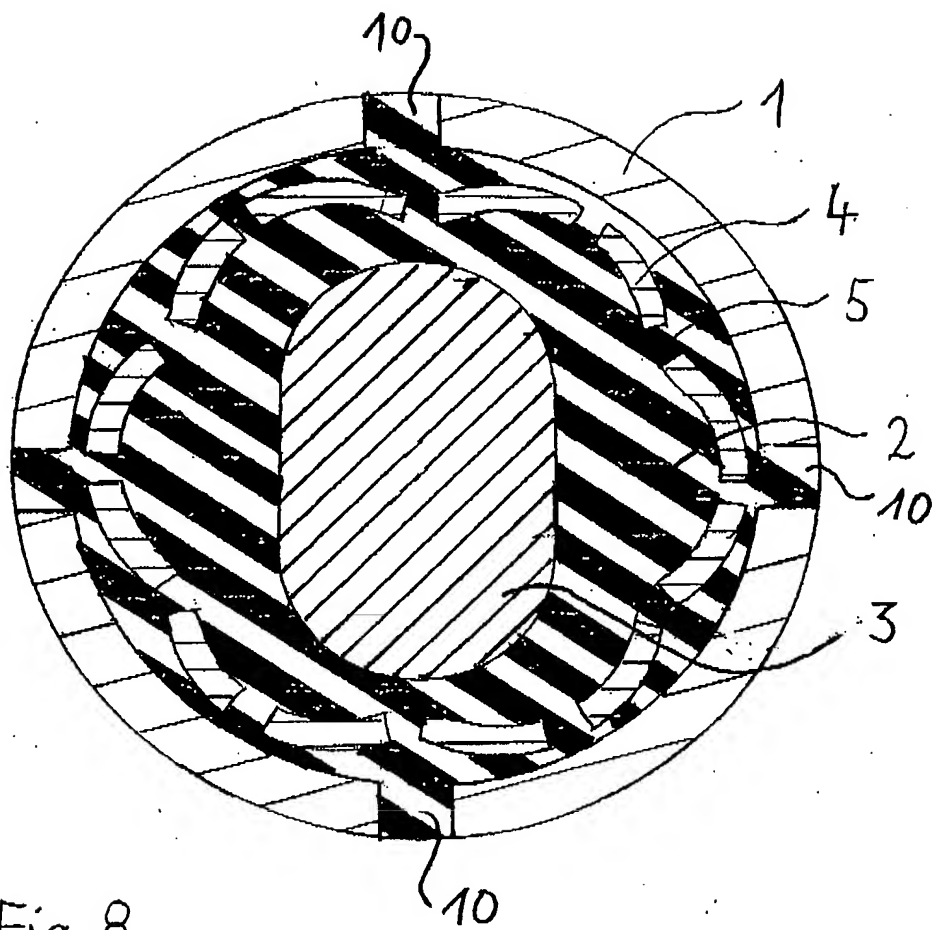


Fig. 8

10 added
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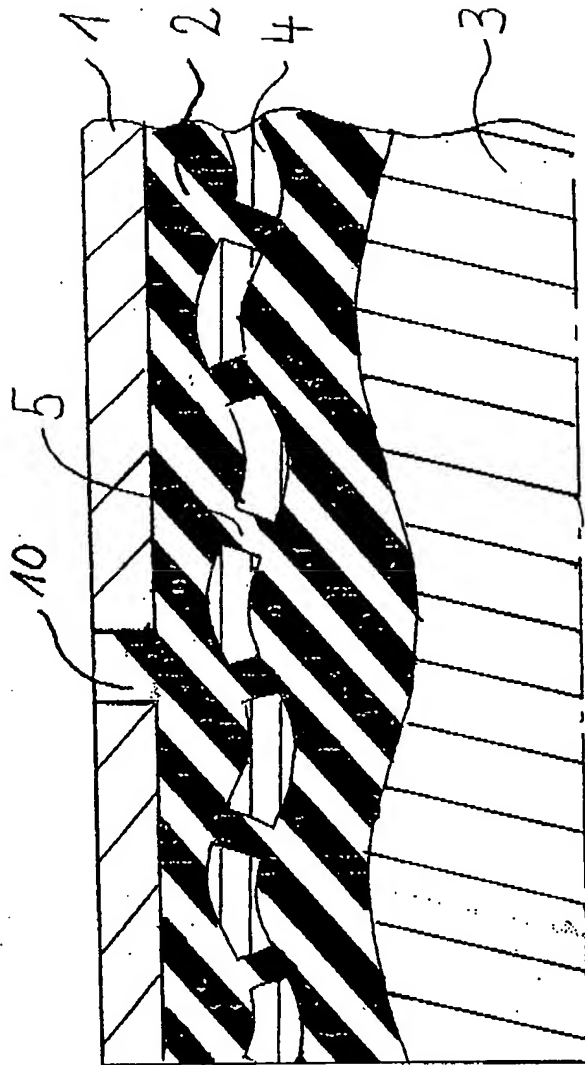


Fig. 9

10 added

Shading added